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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether there was any publication of this notification in the villages?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Yes, by tom-tom."

Prisons and Prisoners

Supply of buttermilk to prisoners in jails.

* 74 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed for the supply of buttermilk to the prisoners in jails;

(*b*) if so, whether it is in respect of political prisoners alone or to all the prisoners;

(*c*) whether a copy of such an order, if any, will be placed on the table;

(*d*) if orders have not been passed, at what stage the matter is and when final orders are likely to be passed; and

(*e*) whether there are proposals to supply ghee also to the prisoners, or to the political prisoners at least?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

(*e*) Ghee is already provided in the dietary of A and B class prisoners. There is no proposal to supply ghee to C class prisoners.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know how many years it will take for the Government to issue the orders regarding supply of buttermilk to the prisoners in view of the promise of the hon. the Law Member made on the floor of the House at the time of the Budget discussion?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"It will not take years. I want to expedite the matter. I have called for a detailed report from the Inspector-General of Prisons."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"I hope that this order will be issued before the last prisoner is released."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I hope so."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know at least how many months it may take, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I cannot say."

Land Revenue Administration

Balance of uncollected land revenue districtwar in the Presidency for fasli 1342.

* 75 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the uncollected balance of land revenue of fasli 1342 is in each district of this Presidency;

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(*b*) what percentage this sum works out to the total demand in each district; and

(*c*) what number of processes have been issued for collecting arrears in each district?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] giving the particulars required is attached.

(*c*) The Government have not yet received the information.

Alleged grievances of the ryots of Udaiyarpalaiyam zamin.

* 76 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Udaiyarpalaiyam zamin ryots have on the 18th of January last submitted a memorial to the Collector of Trichinopoly stating their grievances;

(*b*) whether the Collector has himself enquired into or at least caused an enquiry to be made into the same; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the memorial submitted by the ryots along with the report of the Collector thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The question does not arise.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask whether the Government will call for the information as to whether any memorial has been submitted to the Collector and whether he has taken any action thereon?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I do not think it is necessary to call for any further information than what we have already. I am going to Trichinopoly within a few days and I will have a conversation on the subject with the Collector."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether any opportunities will be given to the zamin ryots to place before the hon. Member their grievances?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I have had no request from the ryots to see me on the subject."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"In view of the talk the hon. Member is going to have, will he be pleased also to send for some ryots?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Removal of the cut in the salaries of village officers and menials.

* 77 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government contemplate the removal of the cut in the salaries of village officers and menials at an early date?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 249 infra.